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Practitioner's Docket No. 51034.0000 PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Volker Krink, et al** Art Unit: **TBD**  
 Appln. No.: **10/564,170** Examiner: **TBD**  
 Filed: **January 10, 2006**  
 For: **Method for Supplying a Plasma Torch With a Gas, Mixed Gas or Gas Mixture Comprising Volumetric Flow Regulation in Combination with Pressure Regulation; and Arrangement for Carrying Out Said Method**

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for the above application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is  
☒ a small entity. A statement:  
☐ is attached.  
☐ was already filed.  
☐ other than a small entity.

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**NOTE:** See 37 C.F.R. § 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.550(c) for ext. of time in reexamination proceedings.

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3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for large entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00

Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

#### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDIT. FEE	OR	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	37	MINUS	23	=	14	x\$ 25=	\$ 350		x\$ 50=	\$ 0
INDEP.	2	MINUS	2	=	0	x\$100=	\$ 0		x\$200=	\$ 0
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- (a) ☐ No additional fee is required.  
(b) ☒ Total additional fee required is \$ 350.00

**WARNING:** "After final rejection or action ( § 1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

#### FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
☒ Charge Account No. 13-0760 the sum of \$ 350.00.  
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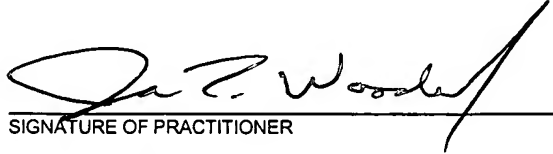
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6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 13-0760.

AND/OR

☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 13-0760.

  
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